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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged above normal, with unusually warm weather for this season of year until the week-end, when a sharp change to the cooler over-spread the State. Freezing temperatures occurred over the northeastern portion of the State Sunday morning. Light showers fell Friday night over the northern and extreme western portions of the State, but they were too light to be of any benefit. Elsewhere there was no precipitation. There was almost full sunshine, several days were rather windy, and humidity was low.

CROPS About 70% of the irrigated corn and 81% of the dry-land corn has matured. A little late corn, mostly in western Nebraska, has not matured sufficiently to withstand frost. Harvesting of corn in eastern and southern Nebraska is earlier than usual this year. Some of the dry-land corn is yielding better than expected. Irrigated corn is good and the top yield reported is 132 bushels.

Winter wheat seeding is about 90% completed. Seeding was much earlier than usual in much of eastern and southern Nebraska following the rain that fell September 4. Last year rains were not received until the last 10 days of September which accounted for much later seeding than usual in the fall of 1955. Some farmers are still waiting for rain before seeding. Reports indicate considerable wheat acreage is being placed in the Soil Bank. Rye seeding is 91% completed.

The average condition of wheat is very low due to the dry weather. Practically no rain has fallen since September 4. A number of reports indicate spotted stands of wheat. Grasshoppers are doing some damage. Rye condition is also low.

Some grain sorghum has been harvested. The weather has been favorable for maturing sorghum but a little of the late sorghum in western Nebraska could still be damaged by a frost. Irrigated sorghum is very good. So far the top yield reported is 110 bushels per acre. *1300 - 10/2/56*

Irrigated alfalfa is very good but dry-land alfalfa is poor. Fall seeding of alfalfa and grasses is 90% completed. Dry weather reduced intended planting. Moisture is needed badly for these crops.

No material change was reported in the condition of range and pasture. Pasture feed in eastern and southern Nebraska varies from little to nothing. Moisture is needed in the Sandhills to soften range feed.

LIVESTOCK Slaughter of livestock for the first 8 months of the year compared with slaughter for the same period last year in Nebraska is as follows:  
Cattle, 101%; Calves, 103%; Hogs, 121%; Sheep & Lambs, 79%.

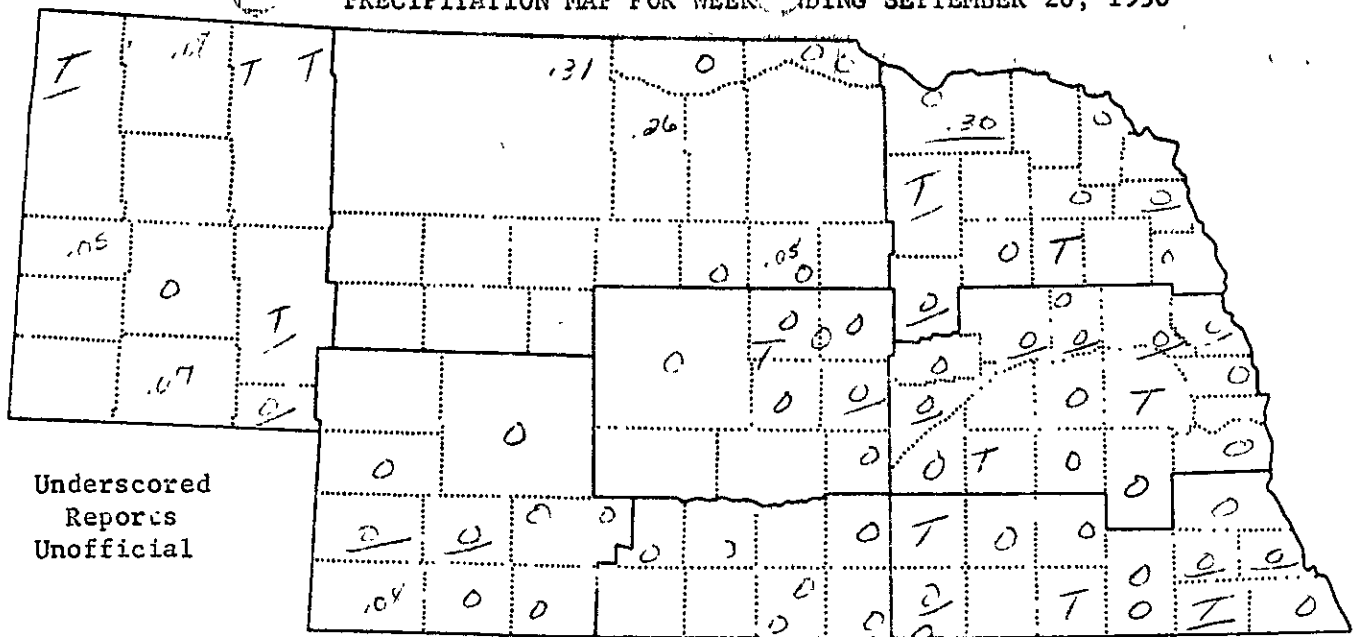
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1956

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island 0	Burwell .05	Chadron .08
Lincoln 0	North Platte 0	Imperial 0
Norfolk .05	Valentine .31	Scottsbluff .05
Omaha 0		Sidney .07
Sioux City .10		

Precipitation, April 1 - September 28, 1956

	<u>Eastern Div.</u>	<u>Central Div.</u>	<u>Western Div.</u>
Total last week	T	.03	.02
Total since April 1	14.96	11.88	12.03
Long-Time Average since April 1	20.57	17.26	13.65

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 1956



**HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES** (High for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m. and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST).

		September		September		September		September		September		September		October	
		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th		1st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	85	38	82	37	91	49	87	64	72	40	66	51	88	49
	Scottsbluff	84	39	82	40	89	42	87	57	75	43	68	43	85	48
	Sidney	86	39	85	41	87	46	89	57	77	40	67	45	84	52
NC	Burwell	88	53	91	56	94	56	96	--	73	41	56	-	--	--
	Valentine	88	39	87	44	95	55	98	58	68	40	52	40	81	53
NE	Norfolk	88	60	90	59	94	61	94	72	84	44	50	27	69	55
	Sioux City	89	57	92	58	93	59	93	70	87	44	52	30	67	52
CEN	Grand Island	85	54	87	60	91	61	95	71	84	47	61	34	70	57
EC	Lincoln	86	60	88	59	91	61	93	71	90	49	64	36	70	56
	Omaha	85	55	86	57	91	60	91	70	91	45	56	35	65	55
SW	Imperial	86	43	87	53	90	44	92	68	83	42	77	39	79	52
	North Platte	86	52	85	57	90	48	93	60	80	45	70	37	75	47

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